Librarian is not competent to look after the archival assets. For this reasons the University archives should not be tagged on to the University Library. The University should, therefore, set up their own archival departments to safeguard, preserve and utilise such important holdings. As these items are likely to perish in the temple of learning by neglect, these Resolutions appear important & timely. It is necessary, however, to amalgamate the two Resolutions into one,, and to rephrase it.

(N) Transfer of duplicate copy of records to the University from the National Archives of India

(14) Resolution by Dr. K.S.Lal

"Resolved that in order to give a new fillip to research in the universities, and to save time and money of scholars, one copy each of such records as are available in duplicate at the National Archives may be transferred to such universities as are prepared to take the responsibility of preserving and maintaining them for being consulted by research scholars."

Explanatory Note

At the National Archives the Rajasthan Agency Records, which are of immense value for scholars working on the Political and Cultural History of Rajasthan, are lying in duplicate/triplicate. Such records could conveniently be transferred to the University of Jodhpur for which the Vice-Chancellor has already requested and given assurance for their proper upkeep and preservation under expert supervision. Copies of relevant correspondence enclosed.

Standing Committee's views

No record of the late Rajputana States Agency is being recommended for destruction on the plea that it is a duplication of records. Final appraisal of records is being conducted by the National Archives of India in accordance with certain well defined rules and regulations approved by the Government of India. It is a part of the Records Management Programme which this Department is obliged to carry out. Therefore, while appraising these series of records, every care is taken to ensure that all the records which could be of any use historically or administratively are not destroyed. As such the records of the late Rajputana States Agency which are being recommended for disposal by the Government are of ephemeral nature and hardly worth preserving. Further, the records are not destroyed by this Department but the Ministries themselves. Therefore, in case the University is interested in preserving the ephemeral files of the Rajputana States Agency which this Department has recommended for disposal, they may have to write directly to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi. The Vice-Chancellor, Jodhpur University, was addressed on these lines (vide this Department letter No.4-6/74-R.M.I. dated 4.9.74)

National Archives of India is preserving four copies of records of the late Foreign and Political Department series alongwith the original copy. In case the Universities are interested to have microfilm copies of the same, they can have at their own expense subject to usual restrictions. Under the principle of Archives-administration the records are kept in the custody of a lawful owners and any dispersal

of those records is detrimental to the interest of the State or the individual. If any University can spare some funds it would be better advised to undertake survey acquisition & listing of records lying uncared in private custody, rather than preserve ephemeral records.

(o) Publication of Quarterly Journal in the State Archives

(17) Resolution by Dr. S.R.Tyagi

"The commission appreciates the venture of State Archives Trivandrum (Kerala) in starting a quarterly journal "Kerala Archives News Letter" and resolves that similar publications be started by other Archives at their earliest to bring to light the important original material present in their archives."

Explanatory Note

It is a very welcome feature on the part of State Archives, Trivandrum-23 (Kerala) to start a quarterly journal named "Kerala Archives News Letter". It is a publication worth emulation by all the other State Archives of India in as much as it provides a forum for publishing important original Historical material present in an archives. Material thus brought to light becomes a very important source for Historical research to be made by scholars. For example, the two letters dated 30th January 19/23 & 24th March 19/26 written by Dr.Chempakarman Pillai to his father and to his brother from Berlin go to show that Kerala did not lag behind other states in providing patriots burning with a zeal to liberate their motherland from foreign domination and worked hand-in-glove with organisations in foreign lands like Germany or America to achieve their aim. This, in its turn, goes to